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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAM (IHP)

1. IN LETTER DATED 27 JUNE, PROF. VOLKER, HEAD OF
NETHERLANDS NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR IHP SOUGHT U.S. SUPPORT
IN OPPOSING PROPOSALS IN 20 C/5 TO:

(A) SHIFT THE THIRD SESSION OF IHP COUNCIL FROM 1979 TO
EARLY 1980.

(B) CANCEL THE JOINT UNESCO-WMO CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR
EARLY 1980.

2. J. S. CRAGWALL, CHAIRMAN USNC FOR SCIENTIFIC HYDROLOGY,
REPLIED TO VOLKER ON 18 JULY THAT U.S. AGREES WITH
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NETHERLANDS IN SUPPORTING CONVENING OF THIRD IHP COUNCIL IN
1979, BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO POSTPONEMENT OF
UNESCO-WMO CONFERENCE.

3. USNC/SH HAS REQUESTED THAT PERMDEL CLARIFY TO NETHER-
LANDS PERMDEL U.S. VIEWS ON TIMING OF UNESCO-WMO CONFERENCE
AS FOLLOWS: USNC DOES NOT OPPOSE DUTCH VIEW. USNC AGREES

WITH DUTCH THAT 1980 DATE WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR IHP
INTERNAL PROGRAM PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR
COOPERATION WITH WMO. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION
FROM DUMITRESCU THAT REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT TO 1982 WAS
TO HARMONIZE IHP PLANNING CYCLE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES IN
UNESCO'S 6-YEAR BUDGETARY AND PLANNING CYCLES, USNC
CONSIDERS THE POSTPONEMENT JUSTIFIED AND ACCEPTABLE, ON
GROUNDS EXTERNAL TO IHP. CHRISTOPHER

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